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THE SEMI-WEEKLY BANNER.

This is the last issue of this paper, for the present, as a weekly. Next week we begin to issue the BANNER as a semi-weekly, and the first issue will be printed Tuesday afternoon, May 1st. The days of publication will be Tuesdays and Fridays of each week, and the size will be one-half the present issue—four pages instead of eight. There will be no increase in the subscription, nor change in clubbing rates. Our readers will receive both issues of the SEMI-WEEKLY BANNER, 52 weeks, for \$1.50, as before. Advertisements will be received for either issue at the old rates, and for both at a rate and one-half. There are several reasons why we think this arrangement will please our people, and commend it to their favorable consideration:

1st. The weekly paper has become a "back number." The multiplication of news agencies has created a demand for more frequent information, and this is shown by the constantly increasing number of dailies taken, and almost every town of any size has a daily press. In villages of from 4,000 to 7,000 the daily issue is impracticable because it will not pay; but, just here comes in our plan of a semi-weekly, which we are sure will be supported. By it our readers will read on Tuesday afternoon all the events, local and otherwise, that have occurred in the vicinity since the Friday before; and on Friday afternoon a like service will be given of the three days immediately preceding. To do this involves additional labor, and an increase of our means for getting the news has already been made, which will be improved as time goes along.

2nd. Each semi-weekly issue, bearing with it the fresh news of the immediate three days before, will be of enhanced value to our advertising patrons. While the cost may be restricted, as above, to the old terms, yet the fresh news will cause the paper to be more sought after, and this conduces to help advertisers. Moreover, many things will now be printed, notices as well as news, that have heretofore been almost wholly omitted, because even a weekly does not care for "ancient history" in these stirring days. In the matter of local events we are now in a position to make the most of our opportunity, and the sharp business man will not be slow to recognize this advantage over the old "once in seven days" publication.

3d. The character of the paper will be changed to meet its new conditions of alertness and enterprise. The "miscellaneous" will become largely an exception, and its successor will be news—all the news, served up in a crisp and progressive style, making a free vehicle of information. We hope our friends will make a note of the fact that local news happening Saturday and Sunday will be served up to them in detail on the following Tuesday evening, and that the Friday paper will team with news as fresh as most daily prints. In short, we shall work the matter with all the vigor of a daily, and without any idea of being beaten in the race. Will our people send in their favors twice a week, as aforesaid, and thus contribute to the success of our proposal?

4th. This idea is intended to be of service to our out-of-town, or county readers. Our correspondents will not wait until the close of the BANNER week (Thursday), before sending in their items, but any day and every day will "be in season." Of course Mondays and Thursdays will be the days when the bulk of county news should reach us, and in this way our readers of the outlying towns will have all the advantage of the semi-weekly that Bennington people enjoy. Our advertisers, no doubt, will "see the point," and use our columns for special sales, as our paper will reach ten times as many persons as the hand bill method.

These are a few of many arguments in favor of the change. It does not affect any of our present patrons, nor will it cost a new subscriber any more than the \$1.50 per year that the others have already paid. We ask the cordial co-operation of our readers and friends, and expect that the service and satisfaction will be mutual.

Grover Cleveland has issued a fresh declaration of war against American wages and homes. Stripped of its verbiage, its pretenses and its platitudes, the President's letter to Chauncey F. Black is a demand that the Democratic party shall persevere in its work of destruction. Mr. Cleveland never says anything in a simple and straightforward manner. He never speaks without an assumption of superior virtue and a profession of superior wisdom which forcibly recall that Pharisee who publicly rejoiced that he was not as other men. The more vicious and destructive the object which he adopts, the more thoroughly does he adopt the tone of solemn humbug. His Free Trade message of 1887, the results of which have cost the country more money than it took to put down the Rebellion, was couched in terms of pompous cant. His letter to Free Trader Chauncey F. Black, in which he urges that the Democracy shall finish its work of impoverishment and ruin, is framed in the same hypocritical phraseology.

BENNINGTON ODD FELLOWS.

To Dedicate a New Hall—History of The Lodges.

The BANNER has already published much of what follows, but, in connection with the Dedication last evening it may be of interest to reproduce a part of the Sunday Budget article of the 22nd, inst. For the use of the cuts we are indebted to the proprietors of the Budget, and we have taken occasion to correct one or two misprints. The Budget says:

A writer who stood high in the order once wrote: "The temple of Odd Fellowship rises before us in the motives and emblems of the order." The same idea impresses itself on the minds of the visitor when entering the rooms just finished and fitted up for the use of the Odd Fellows, organizations in this village, a description of which has recently been published in our columns.

The committee having the general arrangements in charge are Trustees N. M. Puffer, M. W. Stewart, J. E. Walsh. Reception committee, J. E. Walbridge and wife, E. S. Harris and wife, J. H. Ayres and wife, H. L. Hoyer and wife, L. L. Tiffany and wife.

A brief history of the various branches of the organizations that are to occupy the rooms may well be given. The parent of all is Stark Lodge, No. 9, which began its existence under a dispensation granted by the Sovereign Grand Lodge, February 17th, 1847. The persons named in the warrant were Calvin Gilson, Bernard Golden, Parsons Johnson, W. B. Booth, S. M. Robinson, Jr., R. H. Coventry. Four of the members had previously belonged to Oneco Lodge, No. 100 of North Adams, and were given clearance cards, so that they might join the Lodge as charter members. The first officers were: Calvin Gilson, N. G.; R. H. Coventry, V. G.; Parsons Johnson, secretary; S. M. Robinson, Jr., treasurer. December 26th, the same year, a charter was issued by the Grand Lodge of Vermont, the same being signed by James Mitchell, M. W. G. M.; Charles W. Bradbury, R. W. D. G. M.; J. B. Danforth, R. W. G. S.; Evelyn Pierpont, W. G. Treasurer; Samuel H. Price, past grand master.

This lodge was the second one to furnish a grand master from its charter members, William B. Booth, who was elected in 1854 and served one term. Another past grand master is H. L. Stillson, who was elected in 1884, and who was also grand representative to the Sovereign Grand Lodge in 1886-87. J. R. Burton, one of the early members, was also grand secretary of the Grand Lodge several years. A session of the Grand Lodge was held with this lodge in 1883. The lodge has prospered, and now has a membership of 100, with applications continually coming in, and some hundreds of dollars in its treasury and no debts.



L. S. FROST,
Noble Grand, Stark Lodge, and Captain of Canton Bennington, P. M.

The present noble grand is L. S. Frost. He is a veteran of the late rebellion, having served a first enlistment of nine months in the Twenty-fifth Maine Infantry. Upon his discharge from this command he re-enlisted in the Thirtieth Maine for three years, serving until the war closed. He was severely wounded at Monett's Bluff. He is also past commander of Custer Post, G. A. R., having been elected to that position three terms.

The first offshoot from Stark Lodge was Mauser Encampment, a dispensation for which was granted by the Grand Encampment April 9th, 1856. Work was continued under this dispensation until February, 1887, when a charter was issued. All are now living of the charter members and connected with the encampment, except C. L. Shaw. The present membership is forty. The encampment is in a healthy state of existence, several hundred dollars in its treasury and constantly gaining in its influence and numbers. The encampment has furnished one Grand Patriarch for the Grand Encampment of Vermont, N. M. Puffer, who served one term.



MADISON E. WATSON,
Chief Patriarch Mauser Encampment.

The present chief patriarch is M. E. Watson, who, although a young man, is an earnest member of the craft, and has taken every degree possible for him to take.

With the establishment of a yet higher branch of Odd Fellowship came a natural desire on the part of many of the brothers for the location of a canton here. Application was accordingly made and July 11th, 1887, Canton Bennington, No. 4, was chartered with 28 charter members. N. M. Puffer was the first commandant, F. M. Tiffany, lieutenant, and E. S. Harris, ensign. All of the charter members are now living except F. H. Scott.

The canton made its first public appearance at the laying of the corner stone of the Bennington Battle Monument, August, 18th, 1887, turning out twenty-five well-drilled men in full uniform in less than a month after being

organized, and did escort duty to the Odd Fellows' division in the procession. The canton has increased in members and now has thirty-eight chevaliers on its roll. The present commandant is L. S. Frost whose portrait is given above. The canton has furnished the first commandant of the regiment composed of Vermont cantons, and second Department Commander, Colonel N. M. Puffer,



N. M. PUFFER,
Colonel Commanding First Regiment Patriots Militant of Vermont.

who has filled many offices in the Order and also represented the grand encampment of Vermont in the Sovereign Grand Lodge at the sessions held at St. Louis and in Portland, Ore. Colonel Puffer is also a veteran of the late rebellion, having enlisted as a musician in the Second Vermont Regimental Band, June 15, 1861, and was discharged December 19th, of the same year. June 19th, 1862, he enlisted as a musician in Company E, Tenth Vermont. He was transferred to the Veteran Reserve Corps, September 30th, 1864, and mustered out June 29th, 1865. He is also a prominent G. A. R. man, having filled the position of post commander two terms.

Last, but not least, is Miriam Rebekah Lodge, No. 8, which was chartered December 13th, 1882. The charter members were forty-four in number, a large majority of whom are yet members of the lodge. Miriam Lodge has gained a National reputation by reason of its being the originator of the "Beautified Work," which has been largely adopted throughout the country. It has had a steady gain in membership and at the last annual convention it reported 108 members, since which time several new members have been added. The noble grand of the lodge is Mrs. C. D. Gibson. The lodge has furnished the following officers to the Rebekah Convention: Mrs. H. L. Stillson, Mrs. N. M. Puffer, presidents, who also represented the State at the National Rebekah Convention at the World's Fair in Chicago.

THE DEDICATION.

The exercises attending the Diamond Anniversary (75th annual), of American Odd Fellowship, and the Dedication of Odd Fellows' Hall, in the Opera House block, were held last evening, as advertised. The elegant invitations, among the finest of the printer's art, called out a large and representative assembly of Bennington and Bennington county people, including many from more distant parts of Vermont. More than six hundred of our best people graced the occasion with their presence. Among those from out of town, of the Grand Lodge, we note: Henry C. Farrar, grand master; H. E. Parker, grand secretary; H. W. Hall, past grand master. These were accompanied by their wives. Hon. Henry Clark, past grand master, F. M. Warner and others. There was quite a goodly delegation from Manchester and Rutland. Grand Master Farrar, presided at the Dedication ceremonies, and he was supported by Messrs. Hall and Parker. The Rev. Thos. Rogers, chaplain of Stark Lodge, acted as Grand Chaplain; Emory S. Harris as Grand Marshal, and in the enforced absence of W. D. Wilson, by reason of sickness, Henry Clark made the address of the occasion. His subject was the rise, progress and aims of the institution.

The Heralds were: east, L. S. Frost; west, M. W. Stewart; south, H. L. Hoyer; north, E. B. Griswold. The audience were called to order by N. M. Puffer, chairman of the Board of Trustees of Stark Lodge, who called the Grand Master to the chair. He also introduced the speakers and "and presented the keys," as per the Ritual. It is the unanimous verdict of the grand officers that the ceremony was pronounced better than has ever before been the case in Vermont. The only unfortunate feature about the affair was that some one had not thought to "build the altar" and have the speakers stand in the folding doors, so that all could have heard and witnessed the impressive ceremonial.

The Chaplain's speech was a good one and the interest in it was enhanced, because of his removal to-day from South Shaftsbury to Vergennes. Bros. Parker and Hall were entertaining as is their wont, Alderman Hall telling a story to bring down the house, as usual. The music by Goldsmith's orchestra enlivened the occasion, and a song by Miss May Loomis, secretary of Miriam Lodge, was enthusiastically encored. Miss Estabrook rendered a piano solo, which was well received.

The formal programme ended, supper was served in the banquet room, more than two hundred sitting down to the tables at one time. The Rebekahs presided, under the direction of Mrs. C. D. Gibson, N. G., and Mesdames Puffer and Stewart, committee, with a small army of others as assistants. Ample justice was done to the feast, and all went home complimenting the committees and the Order on the success of the affair.

The BANNER has, recently, given a full description of the elegant quarters now occupied by the Odd Fellows of Bennington. The space, of about 6,000 square feet, is partitioned into convenient sub-divisions of rooms for the use of the

various branches of the order, with the Lodge room, dedicated last night, for the use of all. Even these commodious quarters were taxed to accommodate the brilliant company, and the Bennington Rifles and 6th Corps Post on the same floor, threw open their rooms for the accommodation of the guests of the evening. We think the Trustees of the Lodge are to be congratulated upon the successful accomplishment of their arduous task of securing and furnishing the finest Odd Fellows' hall in Vermont.

The chances are bright that many a Congressman will have more time to devote to his private affairs after the next Congressional election take place than he now has.

It is too bad for Coxey's ambition that he doesn't hail from a Populist State. He possesses an abundance of the necessary qualifications for a Senator of the Peffer-Allen type.

From the operations of the Troy police during the recent elections, in the Ross murder case and in the Ritchie murder of last week it may be inferred that their sole duty is to work for Senator Murphy's machine. Life and property seem to be of secondary importance.

With the certainty of ruin to American industries and to American homes, in case the Wilson bill becomes a law, the Republican minority in the Senate will be justified in resorting to the most extreme means in their power, in their efforts to kill the bill and save our industries.

By the talk of the Democratic Statesmen before election, it was supposed that the Democratic party could do a neat and quick job of reforming the tariff, but the fact that the tariff will have been before Congress for over 130 days, and the end not yet thought of, shows that the party knows less about legislation than it was given credit for.

President Cleveland makes a mistake, in our judgment, in contributing money to campaign clubs. It imports with neither the dignity nor decency of his great office. Once the potential promoter of civil service reform, Mr. Cleveland seems to have degenerated into an exceedingly practical politician. His letter to Mr. Black, we must say in all candor, smacks more of demagoguery than statesmanship, an inference that is strengthened by the check that was enclosed.—Troy Press.

The Herald and News of West Randolph, says: "It is no more fair for the BANNER to charge Mr. Vail with the acts of O. M. Tinkham of Pomfret than to charge the editor of the BANNER with the acts of Bro. Livingstone, of the Reformer, and of the same town—something to which we think that the editor of the BANNER would most strongly object." You are right, Bro. Thayer, as will be seen by another item in this issue.

Our types last week made us say H. W. Vail when O. M. Tinkham was meant, where the BANNER was made to say that Celery Compound had come out for Mr. Vail for lieutenant-governor. Mr. Tinkham was meant, as probably everybody knows, because the Celery Compound ad, is so large "that he who runs may read." Both gentlemen are from Pomfret, and we hasten to do justice to Mr. Vail who is not of the Celery Compound stripe.

It is reported that the Democratic leaders in the Senate have decided to take steps toward disciplining Senator Hill, his attitude being declared inimical to Democratic interests. His recent speech has created consternation in Democratic circles, and has been a severe blow to the tariff bill. Too many truths were told which, coming from a Democratic Senator, bear with them an immense weight. He now holds several important positions on the Senate Committee, and if intentions hold good he may lose some of them.

We are in receipt of the tariff speech, delivered last week by Senator Morrill. It is entitled: "The blunders of a Democratic political tariff, and a British income tax"—a telling name for the Wilson bill. It is safe to say that Senator Morrill handles this Southern abomination without gloves. After citing the unparalleled increase of our manufacturing products, from \$8,000,000,000 in 1880 to \$9,000,000,000 in 1890, he goes on to show how the "half-born Democratic tariff" threatens to main and cripple us by the surrender of our markets to foreigners. Senator Morrill shows how the income tax is intended to rob the widow and orphan whose patrimony is deposited in Savings banks.

DAUGHTERS OF VERMONT.

Inspired by the success which has attended the re-unions of the Sons of Vermont in various States, the Daughters of Vermont are seeking to emulate the examples of their brothers by forming similar organizations. A society of the Daughters of Vermont has already been formed in Boston, and a similar society is about to be organized in Minneapolis, and the Green Mountain Girls in other States will soon fall into line. The Daughters of Vermont in Boston signaled their formation on the evening of Wednesday, April 18th, by giving a reception to Governor and Mrs. Levi K. Fuller of Brattleboro, and to Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. F. S. Stranahan of St. Albans. Governor Greenhalge and members of his staff and their wives were present, and the first social gathering of this young society was a gratifying success. There are said to be 30,000 Vermonters living in Boston and suburbs and vicinity, and there ought to be no difficulty in making the series of social events, of which this is to be only the first.

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